

MAKING A POND.

STUDENTS' WORKING BEE.

Activity at University.

A working bee of men students at the University yesterday undertook the construction of a pond alongside Winthrop Hall. Earth had been scooped away from the spot and walls of stone and cement built on three sides by the ordinary grounds staff but at this stage it was announced that the pond probably could not be completed before the opening of the University on April 13, and the students decided to complete the pond themselves. Yesterday the work began.

The decision of the students was reached at a meeting of the Guild of Undergraduates last week, and the call to labour took the form of a large notice in one of the notice boards in the Hackett Building. About 45 men students responded to the summons yesterday, and this number was maintained throughout the day. At 5.15 p.m. several of the students were still working, applying and levelling cement on a stone base.

The bottom of the pond will have an area of about 5,000 square feet, and this has to be paved with waste stone, and covered with about three inches of sand and cement. About 1,000 square feet was paved with stone yesterday, and about 750 square feet was covered with cement. Tools and materials were found by the University, a concrete mixer being supplied by the School of Engineering. The majority of the workers were engineering students, but there was a sprinkling of students from other faculties. During the early part of the day the workers, were subjected to a good deal of encouragement and sympathy from fellow students, but later the novelty wore off, and they were permitted to work in peace. "Smoke-ohs" were welcomed, and the women students' calls to morning and afternoon tea were promptly answered. Funds to provide morning and afternoon tea were provided by the Guild of Undergraduates and the Men's Club and Women's Club.

Officials of the Guild of Undergraduates hope that men students from faculties other than Engineering will also be at work to-day on the pond. Any extra labour available will be used in paving the undercroft of the Winthrop Hall.

Yesterday the vice-Chancellor (Professor H. E. Whitfeld) and the architect for the buildings (Mr. Rodney Alsop) inspected the work, and expressed pleasure at the progress made.